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WASHINGTON, February 14, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 9 totaled an estimated 16.5 billion ton-miles, 9.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1985 was an estimated 94.9 billion ton-miles, down 7.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 9 totaled 356,486, down 9.8 percent from last year, and 2.1 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.1 percent in the East, 6.5 percent in the South, and 8.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 18 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up by 923 cars (4.4 percent). Nineteen of 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 2 totaled 53,441 cars, up 5.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 86,037 trailers and/or containers, 4.0 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of the year was 238,320 cars, up 2.3 percent from last year, and 385,044 trailers and/or containers, down 6.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/9/85:

	Loadings in Week ended Feb. 9, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,562	D	5,775	19.7	D	2,160	8.4
Other farm products	3,296	D	2,089	38.8	D	469	12.5
Metallic ores	13,629	I	115	0.9	I	838	6.6
Coal	100,710	D	12,113	10.7	I	645	0.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	7,720	D	719	8.5	D	158	2.0
Nonmetallic minerals	10,224	D	1,993	16.3	D	193	1.9
Grain mill products	10,977	D	1,090	9.0	D	136	1.2
Food and kindred products	11,075	I	241	2.2	D	69	0.6
Primary forest products	11,139	D	2,949	20.9	D	941	7.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,372	D	1,308	17.0	D	884	12.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,375	D	859	5.6	D	527	3.5
Chemicals and allied products	24,300	D	1,932	7.4	D	561	2.3
Petroleum products	4,625	D	610	11.7	D	56	1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	8,091	D	1,993	19.8	D	678	7.7
Coke	4,812	D	247	4.9	D	325	6.3
Metals and products	8,242	D	1,766	17.6	D	561	6.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,057	I	923	4.4	D	56	0.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,198	D	2,461	23.1	D	248	2.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,069	D	1,744	19.8	D	173	2.4
All other carloads	55,857	D	38	0.1	D	684	1.2
LCL traffic	156	D	124	44.3	D	99	38.8
Total Cars Loaded	356,486	D	38,531	9.8	D	7,495	2.1
Corresponding week of 1984	395,017						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks)	2,046,754	2,232,087	D 8.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
5 Weeks ended February 2	78.4	84.5	D 7.2
Week ended February 9	16.5	18.2	D 9.1
6 weeks cumulative	94.9	102.7	D 7.6

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WASHINGTON, February 21, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 16 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 8.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first seven weeks of 1985 was an estimated 111.7 billion ton-miles, down 7.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 16 totaled 356,547, down 10.7 percent from last year, and were virtually the same as the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 19.8 percent in the East, 11.6 percent in the South, and 4.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Fifteen of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 9 totaled 52,790 cars, up 5.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 84,494 trailers and/or containers, 4.4 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of the year was 291,110 cars, up 2.9 percent from last year, and 469,538 trailers and/or containers, down 6.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/16/85:

	Loadings in Week ended Feb. 16, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,275	D	5,500	18.5	I	713	3.0
Other farm products	3,643	D	1,100	23.2	I	347	10.5
Metallic ores	12,252	D	2,691	18.0	D	1,377	10.1
Coal	96,811	D	19,745	16.9	D	3,899	3.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,262	D	621	7.0	I	542	7.0
Nonmetallic minerals	11,434	I	514	4.7	I	1,210	11.8
Grain mill products	11,303	D	566	4.8	I	326	3.0
Food and kindred products	11,182	I	33	0.3	I	107	1.0
Primary forest products	12,549	D	1,616	11.4	I	1,410	12.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,030	D	612	8.0	I	658	10.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,787	I	10	0.1	I	412	2.9
Chemicals and allied products	24,583	D	1,810	6.9	I	283	1.2
Petroleum products	4,834	D	1	0.0	I	209	4.5
Stone, clay and glass products	8,952	D	1,626	15.4	I	861	10.6
Coke	4,901	I	152	3.2	I	89	1.8
Metals and products	8,261	D	2,175	20.8	I	19	0.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,449	D	448	2.1	D	1,608	7.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,712	D	2,509	22.4	I	514	6.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,691	D	2,039	23.4	D	378	5.3
All other carloads	55,502	D	113	0.2	D	355	0.6
LCL traffic	134	D	152	53.1	D	22	14.1
Total Cars Loaded	356,547	D	42,615	10.7	I	61	0.0
Corresponding week of 1984	399,162						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks)	2,403,301	2,631,249	D 8.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
6 Weeks ended February 9	94.9	102.7	D 7.6
Week ended February 16	16.8	18.3	D 8.4
7 weeks cumulative	111.7	121.0	D 7.7

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WASHINGTON, February 28, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 23 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first eight weeks of 1985 was an estimated 129.5 billion ton-miles, down 6.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 23 totaled 384,222, down 2.1 percent from last year, but up 7.7 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 3.7 percent in the East, 3.2 percent in the South, and 0.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings were up 3,938 cars (3.4 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,365 cars (6.5 percent). Ten of 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 16 totaled 52,398 cars, up 5.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1984, and 85,157 trailers and/or containers, 2.9 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first seven weeks of the year was 343,508 cars, up 3.3 percent from last year, and 554,695 trailers and/or containers, down 5.6 percent.

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